



## Help Support Article 12: Proposed regulation of single use plastic water bottles

[Article 12](#), proposed by Zero Waste Arlington (ZWA) for the Spring Town Meeting, would prohibit the sale of plastic bottles of non-carbonated, non-flavored water in sizes of 1 liter or less. It would apply to any business in Arlington that sells bottled water as well as to Town owned buildings, including schools, effective as of November 1, 2022.

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the environment and public health, reduce litter, and reduce the Town's carbon footprint and plastic pollution by reducing the sale and disposal of single use plastic water bottles.

### How You Can Help

- **Contact your Town Meeting Members.** Contact your Town Meeting Members and ask them to support Article 12 when it comes up for a vote at Town Meeting, starting April 25 (*look up your precinct [here](#) or at <http://wheredoivotema.com>*). Note that your Town Meeting Members may change after the [April 2 Town election](#), unless your precinct is uncontested. You can see who's on the ballot [here](#) and find contact information for your Town Meeting Members on the [2021 Town Meeting Members list](#) (this will be updated by the town after the election).
- **Attend your virtual Spring Precinct Meeting.** Check the town calendar for your upcoming [virtual precinct meeting](#). Attending your precinct meeting is a great opportunity to talk to your Town Meeting members, ask them to vote in favor of Article 12, answer questions, and get feedback on how they might vote.
- **Ask your Town Meeting Members to speak in support of Article 12 when it comes up at Town Meeting.**

*To help with tracking our outreach efforts, please let us know your precinct, the names of the Town Meeting members you've reached out to, and how they've responded!*

- **Write a letter to the editor**—the [Arlington Advocate](#) (400 word max., deadline is 9am on Monday for publishing the same week) and [YourArlington](#) are good local options for sharing your views. We recommend submitting a letter no later than Monday April 25.
- **Social media**—If you are on Facebook, please share [Zero Waste Arlington's](#) posts about Article 12 and encourage your local friends to contact their Town Meeting representatives.
- **Other outreach**—If you have a connection to a school, community group, or other group and can reach out to ask for their support of Article 12, please let us know.

**For more information, visit the [ZWA website](#) or contact [zerowastearlington@gmail.com](mailto:zerowastearlington@gmail.com).**